

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) furniture hinge comprising:

a fixing arm for fixing to a piece of furniture,

a member for fixing to a door,

a first and a second rocker, forming a four-bar linkage and connecting said fixing arm to said member for fixing to a door so as to enable reciprocal pivoting,

an elastic element provided with first and second arms and hinged to a pivoting pin of the first rocker at an end thereof, said pivoting pin connecting the fixing arm to the first rocker,

wherein ~~one of said first and second arms~~ the first arm of the elastic element exerts an elastic reaction ~~against the member for fixing to the furniture or door~~ on the fixing arm and the ~~other second arm of the elastic element~~ exerts a an elastic reaction on ~~one of the rockers~~ the first rocker, so as to compress the elastic element and to produce a moment generating a pushing force in an opening direction of the door when the hinge is placed in a position defining a closing position of the door.

2. (Cancelled).

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) A furniture hinge according to claim 2 1 wherein the elastic element exerts the elastic reaction for a short arc only of said reciprocal pivoting defining the first part of the door opening.

5. (New) A furniture hinge comprising:

a fixing arm for fixing to a piece of furniture,

a member for fixing to a door,

a first and a second rocker, forming a four-bar linkage and connecting said fixing arm to said member for fixing to a door so as to enable reciprocal pivoting,

an elastic element provided with first and second arms and hinged to a pivoting pin of the first rocker at an end thereof, said pivoting pin connecting the member for fixing to the door to the first rocker,

wherein the first arm of the elastic element exerts an elastic reaction on the second rocker and the second arm of the elastic element exerts an elastic reaction on the member for fixing to the door, so as to compress the elastic element and to produce a moment generating a pushing force in an opening direction of the door when the hinge is placed in a position defining a closing position of the door.

6. (New) A furniture hinge according to claim 3 wherein the elastic element exerts the elastic reaction for a short arc only of said reciprocal pivoting defining the first part of the door opening.